(*d*) From a report received from the Chairman, dated 1st December, it appears that the public of Cowl Bazaar have been prohibited by the District Magistrate from taking water from the Fort ditch. The Government are enquiring into the matter.

(*e*) The Government have no definite information; but the Chief Engineer, Public Works Department, has reported that there may be great scarcity of water during the next six months.

Water-supply to Patha Cuddapah tank.

131 Q.—Rai Bahadur T. M. NARASIMHACHARLU: Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that the water-supply to Patha Cuddapah tank from the Cuddapah-Kurnool canal has considerably diminished owing to the Ukkayapalli project and that this decrease is causing great hardship to the ryots under the said tank;

(*b*) whether the Government intend to take early steps to ensure a sufficient supply to the tank by widening the water course in the canal or taking such other necessary steps as would give sufficient supply to the tank; and

(*c*) whether the Government will enquire into the matter?

A.—The answer is in the negative. During the execution of the Ukkayapalli project, the supply channel to the Patha Cuddapah tank was widened to suit the increased ayacut brought in by the project. It is understood that after the execution of the project the supply to the tank has improved and the area irrigated under it has increased appreciably.

TRUTH ALONE TRIUMPHS

Water convenience in Mulluvadi, Salem district.

132 Q.—Mr. R. VEERIAN: Will the hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that the members of the depressed classes suffer very much for want of a water tap in their locality alongside the public road in Mulluvadi, Salem, and

(*b*) why no steps have been taken by the Salem Municipal Council to provide a water tap for the depressed classes in a suitable place in Mulluvadi, Salem?

A.—(*a*) & (*b*) The Government have no information.

Mr. R. VEERIAN:—"Will the Government be pleased to call for the information."

The hon. the RAJA OF PANAGAL:—"Yes."

Weights and Measures.

Weights and measures in Coimbatore municipality.

133 Q.—Mr. R. VEERIAN: Will the hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that defective measures, scales and weights are being allowed in the markets, bazaars and shops in the Coimbatore municipality; and